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The Missionary Record of the United Free Church.

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36 Murrayfield Road,

EDITOR

REV. GEORGE ROBSON, D.D.

Edinburgh, 29th May, 1907.

TELEPHONE NO. 235X CENTRAL.

Dear Mr. Speer:

At a meeting of the Duff Trustees held yesterday it was unanimously agreed to ask you to accept the appointment of Duff Lecturer for the four years beginning at this date in 1908. In effect it means the delivery of a course of six lectures in 1910 in Edinburgh & Glasgow (in Edin^g on successive Sunday evenings & in Glasgow on weekdays), the remuneration being the four years' income ^{plus} of an investment of £2500, equal to a sum of about £320, out of which however, the lecturer has to defray the expenses of the publication of his lectures, should any loss arise thereon, which would not be likely in your case. The trustees present at the meeting were the Master of Polwarth, Bishop Ellis of Aberdeen, D. W. Muir, Mr. Duff Watson & myself. (Had Polwarth & Mr. Captain Marshall been, I am sure, would concur. Mr. Tod, the Agent, will no doubt

formally apprise you of the appointment
I take thereof. But I write privately
to urge upon you the acceptance of this
appointment. The remuneration may not be
great, but the honor is the only one the
denominations can write in conferring on
a student Advocate of missions. Since
I was last in America, I have had this
appointment in view for you, & all the
Trustees present as well as Lord Polworth
(with all of whom I had previously correspon-
ded) all well agreed to my proposal.
Principal Lang had commenced hurriedly in ad-
vancing to another man, & did not come
to the meeting. This is an opportunity of
rendering a magnificent service to the
cause of missions. You will have both
the students & the public for an audience
— for the sake of the former the date
must be any time between October & March
& a statesmanlike presentation of Christian
missions in relation to the providential
events of contemporary history ~~will~~ —
or any large modern review of the
enterprise — will be of immense ser-
vice. Of course it is to be noted

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That 1910 is proposed as the year of the Ecumenical Conference in Edinburgh. We are to have a meeting on 12th June when this date will be either confirmed or altered. But should it be adopted, it ^{would} be of immense service if you could spend six weeks in Scotland in the spring of that year, delivering the Duff Lectures, & at the same time aiding in perfecting the arrangements for the Conference.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully

George Robson

Donald Fraser, his wife, & two children, leave us on Thursday first for Livingstonia. He has done splendid service this fortnight

A C C O U N T C O U R R E N T

between
The Duff Missionary Lectureship Trust
and
The Lecturer.

Year	Date	Description	£	s	d	Year	Date	Description	£	s	d
1908	Novr. 18	To lodged on Deposit Receipt with the National Bank of Scotland £50: -: -				1908	July 15	By 1/2 year's dividend on £130:1/2 D/S. Gt. Northern Ry. Co. £1:12/- tax 1/11 £1:17:1 less falling to Contingency £1: 19/-			
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	March 5	To paid rent of U. F. Church Hall	18	18	-			By do. £1000 Menzies £18:15/- " 18/9			17 16 3
		To paid Account Alex. Temple Hall Keeper	2	5	-			By do. £530 Watson £9:5:6 " 9/3			8 16 3
	9	To paid Account Robertson & Scott for advertising	11	15	2	1909	Jan. 15	By do. £130:1:2 D/S. Gt. Northern Ry. Co. £1:19/- tax 1/11			1 17 1
	10	To remitted Janitor U. F. College Aberdeen	-	15	-		May 15	By do. £865 J. T. Greig £15:2:9 tax 15/8			14 7 1
		To " Mr Anderson outlays in connection with use of Park Church Hall	6	-	-			By do. £1000 Menzies £18:15/- " 19/5			17 15 7
		To paid Bank Commission on cheque	-	-	6			By do. £530 Watson £9:5:6 " 9/7			8 15 11
May	15	To paid Messrs Tod's Business Account chargeable against Lecturer	25	13	6		July 15	By do. £130:1:2 D/S. Gt. Northern Ry. Co. £1:19/- tax 2/1			1 16 11
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Nov.	16	To lodged on deposit receipt National Bank £25: -: -	3	3	-		Jany. 15	By do. £130:1:2 D/S. Gt. Northern Railway Co. £1:19/- tax 2/3			1 16 9
Dec.	30	To paid tax on miscellaneous interests	-	1	9		Febry. 22	By from Mr Robson collection at Edinburgh Lectures			9 17 6
1912	May 15	To paid proportion of Messrs Tod's Business Account	6	10	6		March 4	By amount of collection at Glasgow Lectures			8 3 10
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Edinburgh 28 June 1912. I have examined the foregoing Account of Charge and Discharge of the Intrusions of the Trustees of the Duff Missionary Lectureship Trust with the Funds thereof for the period from 13th November 1907 to 15 May 1912 with relative Appendices all as contained on this and the preceding six pages and I report that I have found the same correct and fully vouched and instructed. The Business Accounts to the Factors, included therein, appear to be fairly charged and, after considering the amount there, I have fixed commission on cash transactions at £16: 3: 8. The Account closes with a balance due to the Lecturer of £78:19:11 and a balance at the credit of the Contingency Fund of £6:3:9. The Security Writs for the Investments of the Trust as at 15 May 1912 have been exhibited to me and found in order.

(Sgd) John Ed. Dovey C. A.
Auditor.

ACCOUNT CURRENT
between
The Duff Missionary Lectureship
Trustees
and
The Lecturer.

1912

Rev Robert E. Speir D.D.
156 5th Avenue
New York U.S.A.

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MR. SPEER.

45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH.

23th May 1907

Dear Sir,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I enclose copy of the Trust Deed of the Duff Missionary Lecture ship which was endowed in memory of the Rev Alexander Duff, the famous Missionary. At a Meeting held here yesterday you were unanimously nominated next Lecturer and I was instructed to put myself in communication with you to learn whether or not you could see your way to accept the appointment.

As you will see from the print the Lecturer is appointed for four years and receives the income of a sum of about £2500 which brings in annually about £80, say \$400. Out of the income of the Trust the Lecturer has to defray the whole expenses in connection with the Trust including the management and law expenses and the net amount available for the lecturer depends very much upon how much he expends upon printing, advertising and hall rent &c.

If you can see your way to accept the position your tenure would run from 15th May 1908 to 15th May 1912 and in the ordinary scheme of the Lectureship you would be expected to deliver your lectures in Scotland during the months January to April 1910. I was specially instructed to state that the Trustees were prepared to modify the conditions of delivery to suit your convenience and they suggested that the Lectures

Rev Robert Speir

might be delivered in a much shorter period than contemplated in the Trust Deed, in the early winter of 1909 or early Spring of 1910. As the Trustees hope that if you could see your way to accept office your lectures would specially attract the university students they think that the Lectures should not be delivered later than March. They further hoped that you might see your way to deliver your lectures in Aberdeen as well as Edinburgh and Glasgow. I think however it is right to point out that this would involve extra charge on the Fund.

I will be glad when you have considered the matter to hear from you and I could give you any further information you wish.

I believe that your Society has received a free copy of all the previous Duff Lectures.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Dod

*Trust Deed not enclosed
M.F.*

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45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH.

15th July 1907

Dear Sir,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst for which I am obliged. I am intimating your acceptance to the Trustees. I have no doubt that they will allow the period for the deliver of the lectures to be left open for later determination.

It is possible that I may be in New York in the middle of next December as my wife wishes to spend Christmas with her family in Pittsburg. Should this be so I may be able to see you and give you any information you may wish.

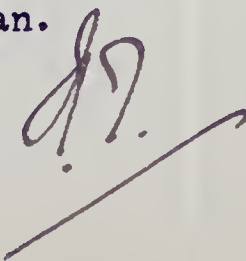
I am,

Yours faithfully,

R E Speer Esq
Secretary
The Board of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York



P.S. Having regard to the address in your letter to me I think it right to add that I am a lawyer not a clergyman.



January 6th, 1908.

The Rev. J. Fairley Daly, B.D.,
17 Park Circus Place,
Glasgow, SCOTLAND.

My dear Dr. Daly:

I received, some time ago, your very kind letter referring to my appointment as the next Duff lecturer. I have undertaken the appointment with some misgivings. I know our people over here and am sure of my ground among them, but I have an hesitation about venturing out into another field. One does not have, in a new field, the instinct as to what to take for granted, how to put things, and what things most need putting; but I shall make ready with the earnest prayer to be guided by the Higher Wisdom, and so earnestly hope to be able to say something serviceable to the Cause. If you have any suggestions as to the most useful line to take, I should be very glad to have them. One suggestion that has occurred to me has been to follow some such line as the following:

- I. - The Modern Significance of the Great Commission.
- II. - Our Present Conception of Aims and Methods.
- III. - The Epilogia Required For This Time.
- IV. - The Problem of the Relation of Missions to Politics.
- V. - The Right Attitude of Christianity to the Non-Christian Religions.
- VI. - The Problem of the Relation of Missions to the Native Churches.
- VII. - Motives and Ideals, Old and New.
- VIII. - The Problem on the Home Side.
- IX. - The Bearing of the Movement on the Union of the Church and the Relations of the Nations.

Dr. Daly - 2.

This is a rough outline of one of the schemes of thought which have occurred to me. I should be glad to have your criticisms upon it and any positive suggestions.

I am delighted to know that the plans for the Ecumenical Conference are going forward so nicely. I don't know just how my coming over for the lectures will effect my coming back again for the Conference, as there will be considerable time between the lectures and the Conference, no matter how late the lectures may be placed.

Do you know anything about the Arthington Fund? - who holds it and what the terms of its tenure are? Is it entirely under the control of the London Missionary Society?

How is the decision of the Church Commissioners as to the division of the Church funds between the United Free Church and the so-called "Legal Frees" working out?

With heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new year,
I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated December 31st.

My reason for asking for the
information ~~now~~ is that if the
date for the Conference is now
fixed it would be well to
have the matter finally disposed
of by a minute of Trustees

I am afraid there is
little chance of my being in
America before 1910.

I am

Yours faithfully

Henry Toole

Rev Robert E. Speer
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EDINBURGH.

10th March 1908.

Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer,

Duff Missionary Lect. Trusts

I am in receipt of
your kind letter of 25th ult.
for which I am obliged. I
gather from your letter that the
Ecumenical Conference is to be
held in the Spring of 1910
as you speak in your letter of
seeing me two years hence. I
will be obliged if you will
confirm this & mention ^{the} dates
of the Conference.
You will remember that the
period for the delivery of the
Lectures was left over for deter-
mination until after the date
of the conference was fixed.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.

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TELEPHONE N^o 2100.

9th June 1908

My dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Fund

I am in receipt of your letter of 28th ulto. for which I am much obliged. I will lay your suggestion before the Trustees. From your letter I rather gather that you have either never received or mislaid your copy of the Trust Deed and I therefore beg to enclose one. You will see there is no obligation to lecture in Aberdeen and I think only one lecturer - Dr Pearson - has done so. You will also observe that the Subject of the lectures has to be intimated to and approved of by the Trustees one year before the time fixed for delivery. I do not however think that it is necessary to send them the titles of the lectures at that time and I think in practice the titles have never been submitted, at least, not through me but the lecturers may however have sent them direct to some of the Trustees.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Hemy Tod.

Rev Robert E Speer
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United Free Church of Scotland **Mr. Speer.**

36 Murrayfield Road,

TELEPHONE No. 235x CENTRAL.
3335x

Edinburgh, 19th June, 1908.

Dear Mr Speer,

It has been impossible to hold a meeting of the Duff Lectureship Trustees, but your letter of May 28th has been circulated amongst them, and Mr Tod will, I understand, be writing to you stating the result of the interchange of opinion. May is simply out of the question. The students would not be accessible, and in that month the meetings of Assemblies are held. It seems to us also most inadvisable that the delivery of the Lectures should be compressed within three weeks. This would not only mean a tremendous strain upon yourself delivering a lecture upon eighteen out of the twenty-one days, but it would also involve too great a demand upon the time of those who wished to attend all the lectures. There are also other

considerations. I know that the remuneration is not so very large as to justify us in insisting upon your giving so large a portion of your time. On the other hand, everything possible will be done to minimise your outlays, and I need hardly say that hospitality will be provided for you during all your stay in Scotland. What I am chiefly anxious for is that the lectures should be delivered in Edinburgh on the Sabbath evening in the Assembly Hall. I think that by this plan we may secure the attendance of a great host of students, and they are in Edinburgh now from all countries. Then we would be free to select the next best days for Glasgow and Aberdeen. Another consideration is that ^{when} you have got a hold of the students in these places as you are sure to do, it would be a great boon in every way to have some nights on which you ^{other} could have a straight talk with them upon personal religion. This, of course, would be apart from the Duff Lectures altogether, but a separate

Committee could arrange for this and for the financing of it.

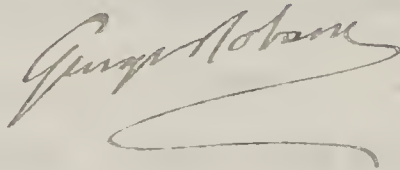
Then there is another matter. Just at that time we will be arranging the final details of our Ecumenical Conference Meetings - the sectional meetings, the evening meetings, and the deputational meetings which may follow. And it would be of immense advantage to us to have your presence and counsel, as you have in an eminent degree personal knowledge of the speakers from America, and the American missionaries who are likely to be present. It would be almost necessary at that stage to have some expert adviser from America, and the American Committee could not send over a better delegate than yourself. At the meeting of the International Committee to be held next month at Oxford, I will mention this matter to Dr Brown and Mr Mott, and I am sure they will recognise the advantage of such an arrangement.

For all these reasons therefore - to secure the best conditions for the delivery of the Lectures, to allow some opportunity of directly spiritual work amongst the students, and to represent America in the final arrangements of the ~~E~~umenical Conference, I hope you will lay your account with a six weeks' stay here in the beginning of 1910.

May I add that it will be a great pleasure if you bring Mrs Speer with you?

With kindest regards,

Yours very faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Hobson". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

CABLE ADDRESS:
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
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MADISON SQUARE BRANCH
P. O. BOX No. 2

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 23th, 1908.

Mr. Henry Tod,

45 North Castle Street,

Edinburgh, SCOTLAND.

My dear Mr. Tod:

Your kind note of June 9th was duly received.

I was grateful for the additional copy of the Trust Deed, which you thoughtfully sent. I had not, however, mislaid the copy which you sent before, and it was not from ignorance of the Trust Deed that I spoke about Aberdeen as one of the places for the lectures, or that I made the suggestions in my letter. In your letter of May 28th, 1907, you stated that the Trustees had thought that the lectures should not be delivered later than March, and you added, "They further hope that you might see your way to deliver your lectures in Aberdeen, as well as in Edinburgh and Glasgow." If the Trustees have dismissed this idea, then it would be possible, I should think, to reduce the time required. I shall hope to hear from you in due time, on this point, and also as to the precise month for the lectures and the number of weeks which they will require.

The subject which I have in mind for the lectures is a critical re-consideration of the Foreign Missionary Enterprise, dealing with the grounds on which it rests in the light of present-day thought, its aims and methods, its relations to politics and civilization, its attitude toward the non-Christian religions, its relations to the new Christian churches which are growing up, the motives and ideals which have reality at this time, the problem on the home side, and the relation of the movement to the union of the Church and the unity of the world.

The second line of thought which has occurred to me, although I have

Mr. Tod - 2.

not gone into it carefully enough to see how adequate the material would be, is an historical study of the missionary motive, dealing, first, with the ante-Nicene Missions, second with the Medieval Missions, third with the Protestant Missions down to Carey's time, fourth with the early Missions of the modern era, fifth with the Catholic Missions, sixth with the Missions of the present day, with a view to discovering wherein the missionary motive had shifted from period to period, and what motive, if any, might be expected to survive present-day criticism and sustain the missionary enterprise for the next half century.

A third line of thought which has been in my mind has been the treatment of problems of Missions, biographically. For example, the ascetic method, as exemplified in George Bowen; the political method, as exemplified in Wells Williams, etc. The first of the three subjects which I have suggested, however, is the one which I am disposed to follow up.

Since hearing from you I have received a letter from Dr. Robson, urging that at least six weeks should be given to the lectures. If that is necessary I shall, of course, endeavor to comply. I infer from his letter that January and February would be the best months, and as our fiscal year ends in April and our appropriations and reports must be prepared in March and April, I should be glad if I could be back in America by the latter part of March.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rev Robert E Speer
Secretary
Board of Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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Tory
45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,
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AUG 20 1908 10th August 1908

Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am in receipt of your letter of 29th ulto for which I am obliged. I regret to find that my letter of June 9th contained a mistake about Aberdeen. After dictating it I looked up the last Minute of Trustees and ascertained that I had made a mistake. I intended to have changed it but being very busy I presume the letter was signed and sent off as originally dictated. Since then I have been in communication with the Trustees and ^{of their instructions} the Minute has not yet been fully signed or I would have written ere this. The Minute instructs me to intimate to you that "the month of May is not a suitable one for students they regret that they are not in a position to approve of his suggestion as to that date for delivery of the lectures. They are also of opinion that it would be advisable even in Mr Speir's own interest that he should arrange to deliver only one lecture a week in each of the three centres. They would further suggest that the lectures be delivered in January beginning the third Sunday of that month." As this suggestion however would not enable you to be back in America by the end of February I will put myself again in communication with the Trustees but as this month and September are our holiday months here it may

Rev Robert E. Speer

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may be some little time before I can get the instructions of all the Trustees. I note the Subjects which you have in mind for the Lectures which I will mention to the Trustees when writing them about the date.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Cook

The Trustees still wish you to lecture in Aberdeen but I had overlooked this when dictating.

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45 NORTH CASTLE STREET,
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1st July 1907

Dear Sir,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am in receipt of your letter of 19th ulto. I am glad that if your Board is willing you are agreeable to accept the position of lecturer. I now beg to enclose the copy of the Trust Deed which was omitted to be sent with my letter of 28th May.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Tod

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United Free Church of Scotland **Mr. Speer.**

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Edinburgh, 12th August, 1908.

My dear Mr Speer,

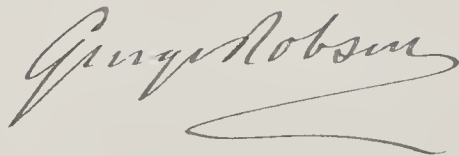
Many thanks for your kind letter of July 30th. You will hear in due time from Mr Tod, but it is impossible for him to answer quickly, as he makes a point of communicating with all the Trustees before doing so. It seems to me, however, that the time we have fixed upon is in all respects the most suitable. Your six lectures in Edinburgh are to be delivered on the last three Sabbaths of January and the first three Sabbaths of February, and whatever week days are fixed upon for Glasgow and Aberdeen, we can arrange that in the last week the lectures shall be taken in the first days of the week so as to let you sail again on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday before the last Sabbath of February.

With regard to the subjects outlined, I have no hesitation in saying that the first, to which you yourself evidently incline, is the subject I would prefer and advise. I need not trouble you with the reasons.

Mr Mott, who sails tonight from Southampton, will give you all the news about our Conference arrangements. I had a helpful forenoon with him at York yesterday. Altogether we have been wonderfully guided. The days at Oxford will ever be a happy memory, and all the indications encourage us to hope that we are in the line of a great divine purpose. Let us continue in prayer that we may be subservient to it!

With kindest regards,

Yours very faithfully,

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Mr. Speer.

Dear Mr Speir,

Duff Lectureship Trust

On my return from holiday I find that the Minute dealing with the delivery of the Lectures has now been signed by all the Trustees. I enclose copy of it. I communicated your views with regard to the delivery of the Lectures to Dr Robson and others of the Trustees but from the enclosed copy letter you will find that Dr Robson is strongly of opinion that the date mentioned in the Minute should be adhered to. I trust that this will not inconvenience you. Of course if the arrangement is really inconvenient for you I could bring the matter before the whole of the Trustees when I have little doubt they would ^{endeavour to meet} ~~suit~~ your views but as I understand Dr Robson is a friend of yours I presume you will prefer if possible to fall in with his views. I regret the delay in answering you which has been due partly to my absence on holiday.

I understand that the first Subject mentioned in your letter of 29th July is strongly approved of by Mr Duff Watson and Dr Robson.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E/Copy Minute
copy letter

The
Rev. Robert E Speer ~~Esq~~

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copy letter referred to

Messrs H & H Tod W. S.

12th August 1908

Dear Sirs,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am obliged by your letter of 10th August with enclosed
Excerpt from Mr Speer's letter relative to proposed Subjects for his
Duff Lectures With regard to the time, I may say that I have seen Dr
Brown, Mr Speer's colleague in the Secretarial at Oxford, and I have also
had a conversation with Mr Mott at York. I judge that it will be quite
satisfactory if Mr Speer is able to sail for home on the Saturday pre:
ceding the last Sabbath of February. There would thus seem to be no
need for altering the date of his lectures. In Edinburgh they could be
delivered on the third fourth and fifth Sabbaths of January and the first
second and third Sabbaths of February and it could easily be arranged that
whatever days are selected for Glasgow and Aberdeen, the final lecture
could be made to fall not later than the Thursday preceding his departure.

With regard to the Subjects outlined by him I have no hesitation
in saying that the first is that which will be at once most popular and
most useful. It is also clearly the Subject to which he himself most
inclines. If, as I doubt not, the other Trustees approve and he himself
selects it I trust he may be able to find a brief attractive title
descriptive of the Subject.

With kind regards,
"George Robson"

Minute of the Trustees of the Duff Missionary
Lectureship Trust

June 1908

The Agents having submitted to the Trustees a letter from the Rev Robert E Speer copy of which is hereto annexed in which Mr Speer suggested that he should deliver his lectures in May 1910, two lectures a week being delivered in each centre. The Trustees hereby instruct the Agents to intimate to Mr Speer that in view of the fact that the month of May is not suitable one for students they regret that they are not in a position to approve of his suggestion as to that date for delivery of the lectures. They are also of opinion that it would be advisable even in Mr Speer's own interest that he should arrange to deliver only one lecture a week in each of the three centres. They would suggest that the lectures be delivered in January beginning the third Sunday of that month.

signed	Alex Duff Watson
"	George Robson
"	Joh Marshall Lang
"	Polwarth
"	Walter G Scott
"	John McMurtrie
"	Rowland Ellis

Rev R.E. Speer
Secretary
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Mr. Speer.

W.S.

45 NORTH CASTLE STREET.

EDINBURGH.

1st September 1909

ack 9/10
See accompanying minute

Dear Mr Speir,

I duly received your letter of _____ for which I am much obliged. I delayed answering it until I could send you a note of the final arrangements, which I had made. I enclose copy of a Minute which is at present before the Trustees, but which I have no doubt they will approve of. I trust that you will find the arrangements satisfactory. As you are perhaps aware Glasgow is about 65 minutes railway journey from Edinburgh and Aberdeen about 4 hours so that it would be perfectly possible for you to make your headquarters in Edinburgh, going to and returning from Glasgow and Aberdeen on the days when the Lectures fall to be delivered in those towns. I expect to leave on Saturday for New York en route for Pittsburg and expect to return from New York on the 23rd of October. My address will be % Mr William Metcalf 5827 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburg, P.A. If you are back in New York then I could see you on the evening of the 22nd.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Tod

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Mr. Speer.

Minute of the Trustees of the Duff
Missionary Lectureship

August 1909

The Agents reported that the following arrangements for the delivery of Mr Speir's lectures had been made.

Edinburgh :- As desired by the Trustees the United Free Church Assembly Hall Mound, has been retained for the evenings of Sunday 16th January 1910 and five successive Sundays. The Committee have very kindly granted the use of the Hall at a reduced fee of £3:3/ per meeting.

Glasgow Acting on the advice of Principal Lindsay - owing to illness it was found impossible to consult with Professor Stewart - application was made for the use of Park Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th January 1910 and five successive Tuesdays at 5.p.m. The Trustees have very kindly given the desired permission. No charge for the use of this Hall is made. The lecturer only paying for electriclight and the services of the Church Officer.

Aberdeen Acting on the advice of Principal Iverach and Professor Cowan of Aberdeen University application for the use of the college Hall of the United Free Church College on the afternoon of Thursday 20th January 1910 and five successive Thursdays at 3½p½m½ was made. The desired permission has been granted. It is understood that no charge will be made in respect of the use of this Hall except for lighting &c

The Trustees hereby approve of the foregoing arrangements.

Copy Minute

Duff Lectureship Trust

August 1909

R.E. Speer Esq.
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Mr. Speer.

17th March 1910

Dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Trust

I am sorry that I have been somewhat long in giving you the information you wish but I had to get in the Accounts and thereafter have a regular Account of Charge and Discharge prepared in order that I might not make any mistake. As far as I can see at present I have a balance of about £70 in my hands payable to you at 15th May and to this falls to be added the half years income, amounting to about £40, which I receive at 15th May. In making this estimate I am charging one or two items to the Contingency Fund for which I have as yet no authority from the Trustees and my firm will probably have some few charges in connection with consulting them on this and other matters. Roughly speaking you may expect to receive towards the end of May £110. ^{howevr}

I presume that you are keeping in view that in terms of the Lectureship you have to supply certain Institutions with free copies of your Book. Whenever your book is ready I shall send you the List.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Tod P. 20.

Robert E Speer Esq

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P.S. £50 of the above balance is at present deposited in Bank on deposit receipt the interest of which will also fall to be paid to you.

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Mr. Speer.

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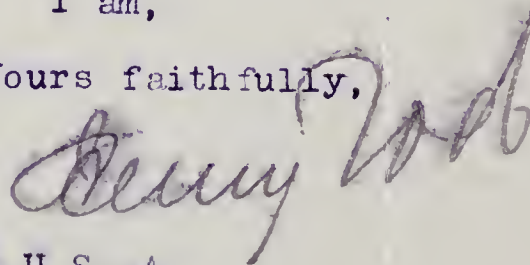
Dear Mr Speer,

Owing to my absence from business for a few days I am sorry that your letter of 29th ulto. has not yet been acknowledged. After 15th May I shall send you a regular Account giving the figures you wish and from it you will see that you may expect to receive after 15th May 1911 the sum of £80 less charges and a similar sum in May 1912. I hope to send you by next mail a list of those to whom free copies of your book fall to be supplied by you.

I trust that Mrs Tod and I may have the pleasure of seeing you again when you return for the Missionary Congress.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



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My dear Mr. Speer:-

Are you to assume the expense of delivery of the copies of CHRISTIANITY AND THE NATIONS to be sent to the ninety-six various addresses? If your agreement was simply to supply one hundred copies of the book to the Committee, should not the cost of carriage be theirs? The British copies can be delivered from Edinburgh by parcel post, the charge for which is quite nominal. Copies sent by regular post or express in this country and abroad will cost about 15¢ per copy for carriage.

These special copies we shall charge to you at but 80¢ per copy, without royalty,-- or in other words, we shall charge you \$1. but pay royalty of 20¢ as on all other sales. Trusting this may be satisfactory,

Yours,

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
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5th October 1910

Dear Mr Speer,

Duff Lectureship Trust

On my return from holiday I am in receipt of your letter of 9th September. I note that you have instructed the copies to be forwarded to the various Institutions and others, by the Revell Company, who are to receive them. I do not think it makes much difference whether the copies bear that they come from you or from the Trustees but the Trustees would probably prefer that the terms of the slip should be as suggested in your letter and I have written to Mr Revell saying so and asking him to make this addition to the copies forwarded to the Libraries and public Institutions "for the Library". It appears to me important that when sending copies to heads of Institutions it should be made clear that the Books are for the Institution..

According to the terms of the Trust Deed:- "The Lecturer shall be bound to print and publish, at his own expense and risk, not fewer than 100 copies of the Lectures within a year after their first delivery, and which he shall distribute free of cost among the Trustees and the Libraries of Evangelical Churches and Missionary Societies at home and abroad (America, India, Africa, Australia, and the Continent) according to a list to be furnished to him by the Trustees; and the

R.E. Speer Esq.

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"Lecturer shall be at liberty to publish such further number of copies
"as he may see fit, the profits of which, if any, shall belong to him:
"self".

According to past practice no payments have been made by me
in connection with these 100 copies the Lecturer having made all ar:
rangements himself after the list was furnished to him.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Tob

Many thanks for your kind notes. We are
all well at home. I hope that you had
a pleasant time in Oban & that your child
make a good recovery.

WORLD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, 1910.

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Mr. Speer.

36 MURRAYFIELD ROAD,

EDINBURGH, 10th November, 1909.

My dear Mr Speer,

I am glad to hear of your safe return to New York. Mr Henry Tod, the Clerk to the Duff Trustees, was in New York and was sorry that he had to leave a few days before you were expected to arrive.

There is no engagement for you prior to 1stth January, so that if you make arrangements which should guarantee your being here by the 14th unless some unforeseen accident occasioned serious delay, I think that is all that could be asked.

Numerous applications have come in for your services, and I feel a little ashamed to say how much we propose to use you. But two things are to be borne in mind, that very many of the meetings are so similar that special preparation of matter for the different meetings will be nearly a minimum, and secondly that not a meeting has been arranged for which has not a definite purpose either in preparation for the World Missionary Conference or for pressing the claims of Christ on students. I send you a list of your engagements so far as definitely arranged, but there are applications from Students' Christian Unions still to be dealt with in Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews, also from Women Student Unions.

On the six Sabbaths of your stay, you will be in Edinburgh.

I have up till now declined requests for an address from you at the forenoon

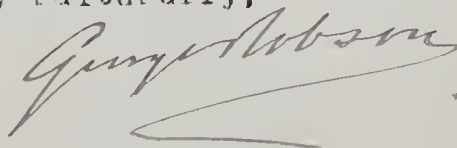
service in different churches as I will do nothing in that matter without your consent. The Lecture is in the Assembly Hall in the evening. Would you be willing to take the forenoon service or give an address at the forenoon service on any or how many of the Sabbaths? If so, may I select the churches?

I also remember that some time ago, there came an application from Cambridge or Oxford (I forget which) for your services there on a Sabbath. My reply was that I was arranging no meetings beyond Thursday 24th February, your last Aberdeen Lecture, and that they must communicate directly with you as to any further arrangement outside of Scotland. I suppose they have written you.

The Lectures should be as nearly as possible an hour. In Glasgow and Aberdeen they should certainly not exceed an hour, and might well be a minute or two less. In Edinburgh I think you might take the full hour.

With regard to hospitality, I must recognise that Sir Alexander Simpson's house will be more convenient for you than mine, and that he will be able to provide you with a room which might be yours during the whole time of your stay in Scotland. I should be more than pleased if we could make as good an offer as his, but quite frankly I think that the best arrangement would be for you to say that you will gladly make his house your head quarters but would desire to have liberty to spend one or two week-ends with others. I would only agree to your going to Sir Alexander's on condition that you give me one of your Edinburgh week-ends, and I am pretty sure that Mr Oldham will want you for another. I will arrange all your "out of Edinburgh" hospitality, unless I hear from you to the contrary or unless you give me any special friends in the different towns with whom you would like to stay. Professor Cairns, the Chairman of Commission IV., wishes you to stay with him in Aberdeen. He is a fresh and powerful thinker and a most human soul, whom you will enjoy immensely.

With all kind regards,
Yours very faithfully,



LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS ALREADY MADE.

Sabbath 1 st January		and five following Sabbaths,	Lecture 7 p.m.	in Assembly Hall Edinburgh.
Tuesday 1 st 12th	"	"	Tuesdays	" 3 " " Park Church Glasgow.
Thursday 20th	"	"	Thursdays	" 3 " United Free Church College Hall Aberdeen.
Monday 17th	"	Perth,	Public Meeting in preparation for World Missionary Conference.	
" 24th	"	Stirling	"	"
" 31st	"	Galashiels	"	"
Friday 4th February		Aberdeen	Student Christian Union.	
Monday 7th	"	Glasgow	Public meeting in preparation for World Missionary Conference.	
Friday 11th	"	Paisley	"	"
Monday 14th	"	Kirkcaldy	"	"
Monday 21st	"	Edinburgh	"	"

Dates for Dundee, Greenock and Hamilton are not yet fixed. The Public Meetings Committee is working splendidly and engaging in each town the largest halls. In some places there will be an afternoon meeting for business men as well as a public meeting in the evening. I have refused your services for any of the less important towns which the Public Meetings Committee is arranging for. Until their dates were fixed I have delayed the dates for students meetings.



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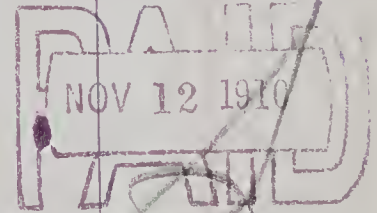
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7th July 1911

Dear Mr Speir

Duff Lectureship Trust.

I was sorry to find on my return here that the income falling to you as Lecturer for the year to 15th May last had not ^{been} been remitted to you. ^{+ the matter unfortunately stood over} I now beg to enclose a draft in your favor for £81.16.4 being the income as per note annexed. Kindly return the enclosed receipt signed. You will note that my firm has only deducted commission, no Business Account being debited. According to the terms of the Lectureship Deed the current expenses of the administration of the Trust falls to be paid out of the income and as during this, the last, year of your tenure of the Lectureship your successor falls to be appointed you will require to keep in view that there will be some deductions from the next remittance to you after 15th May next. Of course the Accounts fall to be audited then for the four years and the balance as brought out by the Auditor as due to you will then be remitted.

I am

Yours faithfully

I was sorry not to see you when in New York.

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